## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

EDWARD F. GRODEN, as EXEC. DIRECTOR of the NEW ENGLAND TEAMSTERS AND	)
TRUCKING INDUSTRY PENSION FUND	)
Plaintiff,	) ) Case No.: 21–10539 FDS
v.	)
NORTH SHORE NEWS COMPANY, INC.,	)
Defendant.	)

## **DECLARATION OF DAMAGES**

Edward F. Groden, under penalties of perjury, and based upon personal knowledge hereby declares as follows:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this action and I am employed as the Executive Director of the New England Teamsters and Trucking Industry Pension Fund ("the Pension Fund").
- 2. Defendant North Shore News Company, Inc. ("North Shore News"), is a contributing employer to the Pension Fund pursuant to its Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") with Teamsters Local Union 42 and the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust ("Trust Agreement").
- 3. North Shore News submitted remittance reports for the months of November 2020 through March 2021, but it did not pay the contributions which are now delinquent.
- 4. The Pension Fund seeks interest and liquidated damages on the delinquent contributions as well as attorneys' fees and costs under Article V, Section 4 of the Trust Agreement (see Exhibit A), and 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(2).

- 5. Under 29 U.S.C. § 1132 (g)(2), and the Trust Agreement, North Shore News owes to the Pension Fund the following:
  - a. Delinquent contributions in the amount of \$70,334.22 based on remittance reports submitted to the Pension Fund pursuant to the CBA, for the period of November 2020 to March 2021.
  - b. Interest of \$2,058.35 accrued on the above sum of \$70,334.22. Interest was calculated at a rate of 5%; compounded monthly, pursuant to the Pension Fund's Trust Agreement. The interest rate is the rate published in § 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - c. Liquidated damages in an amount equal to the greater of either the amount of interest (i.e., \$2,058.35) or twenty percent (20%) of the principal (\$14,066.84). Consequently, Plaintiff is entitled to \$14,066.84.
  - d. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$5,448.48.
- 6. Based on the foregoing, North Shore News owes the Pension Fund a total of \$91,907.89.
- 7. Defendants are neither infants nor incompetent persons and are not engaged in the military service of the United States.

I declare under penalties of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

/s/ Edward F. Groden
Edward F. Groden, Executive Director